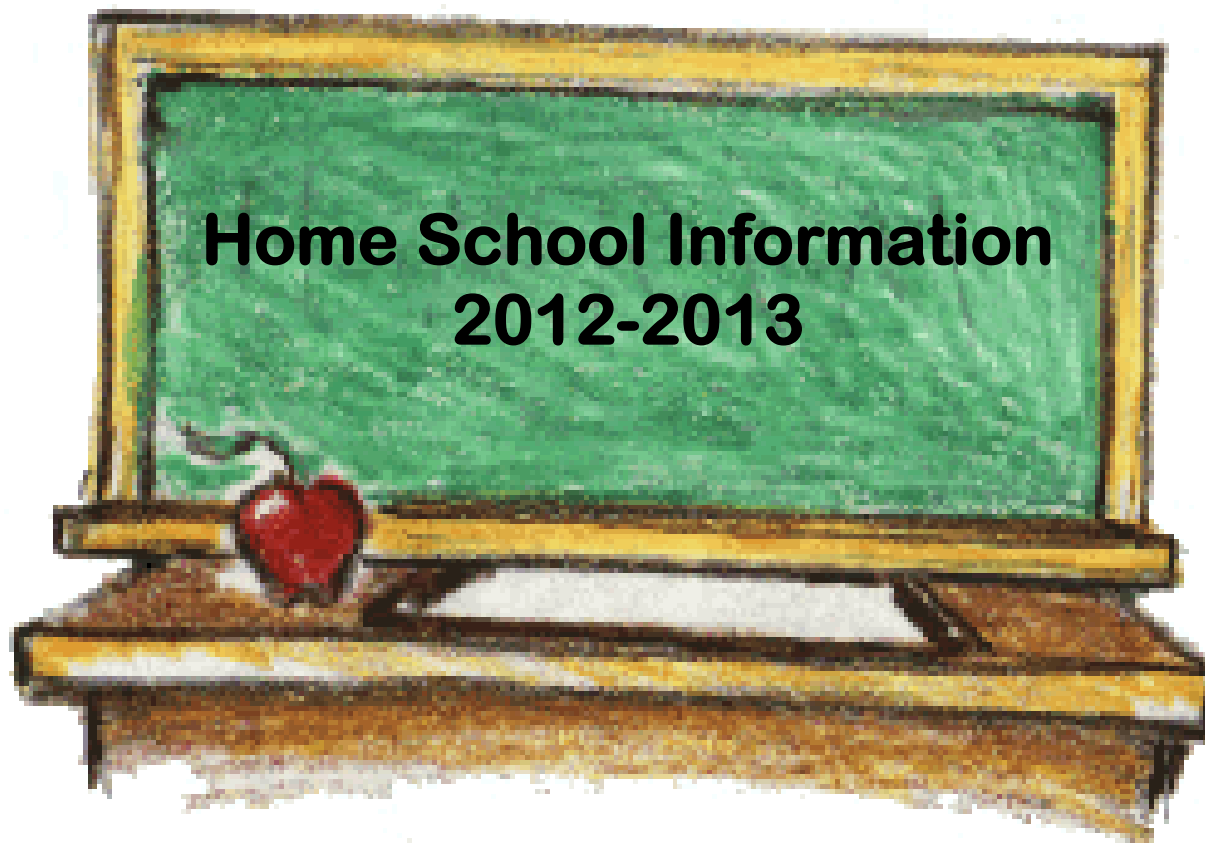


Arkansas Department of Education



Home School Information 2012-2013

Arkansas Department of Education
Home School Office
Lisa Crook, Program Advisor
Four Capitol Mall, Mail Slot #3
Little Rock, AR 72201
(501) 682-1874

<http://arkansased.org/about/schools/home.html>

FILE FORMS EVERY YEAR: PART A AND B must be returned to the Superintendent's Office EACH YEAR no later than August 15, or by December 15 to begin home schooling the second semester, or during the year with a 14-calendar day waiting period. **Only** the Superintendent or local School Board has the authority to waive the 14-day waiting period. **Please retain a copy of the completed form for your files.**

2012-2013 School Year

(Do not modify/revise ADE forms)

District LEA # _____ (District use only)

Submit/Mail all forms to Superintendent's Office ONLY

Check your local phone book or Arkansas Department Of Education website for district address

TESTING: State law requires that home school students in grades 3 through 9 test every year. The tentative test date for home school students will be in April of 2013. Please check the Home School Testing website for more information at <http://www.arhomeschooltesting.org>. Parents/legal guardians that are registered for the current school year will receive written notification of the test dates, times, and sites later in the school year. Please contact the Arkansas Home School Testing Office if you have questions regarding testing. (501) 354-3136

Notice of Intent to Home School

Arkansas Department of Education-Home School Office (501) 682-1874

<http://arkansased.org/about/schools/home.html>

PART A – Please print (forms must be legible to be accepted)

In accordance with the procedures established for the Implementation of Act 1117 of 1999, I/we hereby **give notice to** _____, **Superintendent of the**

_____ **School District,** _____ **County,** of my/our intent to provide home instruction to my/our own child(ren) located at:

_____, _____, AR _____, **beginning date for 2012-2013** _____.
Print or Type Parent's Address **City** **Zip** **(start date - Month/Day/Year)**

Parent's mailing address if different from above: _____ (for mailing test notification/results)

Further, I/we agree that my/our child(ren) will take a nationally recognized standardized achievement test as required in A.C.A. 6-15-504. The test will be administered to home school students in grades 3 through 9 during the testing window for the current school year. **The Arkansas Department of Education recommends that you notify the local school district of any change of address or if you discontinue to home school. In order to maintain legal home school status, current year forms must be filed every year by the established deadlines. During the school year, new forms must be submitted within 30 days of the parent(s) moving to a new school district.**

PRINT name of parent/guardian _____ **Phone Number (Optional)** _____ **Occupation (Optional)** _____ **Today's Date** _____

Student Information:

Name of School Last Attended:

PRINT or TYPE STUDENT'S NAME		Date of Birth Month/Day/Year	Sex (Circle one)	GRADE LEVEL COMPLETED LAST SCHOOL YEAR (Circle one)	GRADE LEVEL STUDENT IS IN THIS YEAR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3 through 9 MUST TEST (Testing - April 2013)	Permanently Exempt from Home School Testing Grades 3-9 Per Home School Test Coordinator Place check in box	Type of School Last Attended (Circle one)
*Student has an IEP on file	Please print clearly and legible Give Full Legal Name FIRST MIDDLE LAST						
			M F	0 K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11			Public Parochial Private Home
			M F	0 K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11			Public Parochial
			M F	0 K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11			Public Parochial
			M F	0 K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11			Public Parochial
			M F	0 K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11			Public Parochial
			M F	0 K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11			Public Parochial

Page Must be completed - Curriculum (Required information: DISTRICT OFFICE, do not accept this form if this section is blank.)

Give a brief description of the basic core curriculum to be used and include a list of the subjects to be taught:

Class Schedule (Required information: DISTRICT OFFICE, do not accept this form if this section is blank.)

Describe the schedule planned for your home school: *(Include the hours per day, days per week, number of weeks)*

Educational Qualifications of Parent/Teacher(s) (Circle the highest level of educational attainment.)

<u>Print or Type</u> Name of Parent/ Guardian	Parent/Guardian (Circle one)	School (Circle one)	College (Circle one)	Degree (BA, etc.)	Name & Address of Institution
	Parent Guardian	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 H.S. Grad.	1 2 3 4 Col. Grad.		
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No approval letter or curriculum will be sent to parents/guardians. Parents have FULL responsibility for providing material(s) to their children.

DRIVER'S PERMIT/LICENSE SECTION ONLY – No need to complete below this line if you are not seeking a driver's license.

This section below ONLY APPLIES FOR STUDENTS 14 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER who are obtaining a driver's permit or license during the 2012-2013 year.

Arkansas Department of Education Rules and Regulations Governing Home Schools 10.00 States: "A student enrolled in a home school shall present proof of home schooling in the form of a notarized copy of the Notice of Intent to Home School. The parent/guardian has the responsibility of providing the notarized copy."

Please call the Home School Office at 501-682-1874 if you have questions. Make a copy of this form and have the COPY notarized when seeking a driver's permit or licenses.

Notary Seal:

Signature of Notary

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Please retain a copy of the completed form for your files.

Part B *Notice of Intent to Home School and Waiver forms must be filed every year by the established deadlines.*

HOME SCHOOL WAIVER FORM

(Do not modify/revise form)

Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-15-503, as amended by Act 1117 of 1999, requires that parents and guardians who wish to home school their children, sign a waiver acknowledging that the State of Arkansas is not liable for the education of their children during the time the parent or guardian chooses to home school.

By my signature below, I hereby certify and agree as follows:

- 1) I am the parent or legal guardian of the child(ren) listed below.
- 2) I have fully read and understand the terms of this waiver.
- 3) As of the date I sign this waiver, I hereby acknowledge that the State of Arkansas is not liable for the education of the child(ren) listed below during the time I choose to home school the child(ren).

Please print clearly and legible. Give student's Legal Name.

STUDENTS FIRST, MIDDLE, AND LAST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Address

Phone (*area code & number*)

City, State, Zip

(Revised May 2012)

FACT SHEET ON HOME SCHOOLING IN ARKANSAS

(501) 682-1874

State law regulates home schooling in Arkansas.

By law, every parent, guardian, or other person residing within the State of Arkansas having custody or charge of any child age five (5) through seventeen (17) years on or before September 15 of that year shall enroll and send the child to a public, private, or parochial school, or provide a home school for the child in accordance with the requirements of the home school law.

1. DEFINITION OF A HOME SCHOOL

A "home school" is a school conducted primarily by parents or legal guardians for their own children.

2. ELIGIBILITY TO PROVIDE A HOME SCHOOL

Parents/legal guardians may provide a home school for their own children. There are no educational requirements for parents/guardians who provide a home school for their child(ren).

3. NOTIFICATION REQUIRED BY LAW

Parents/legal guardians are required to utilize printed, current-year forms that are available from each local school district superintendent's office.

Complete the Notice of Intent to Home School and Waiver forms at the beginning of each school year but no later than August 15; or, subject to the requirements of state law if filing after August 15 or December 15. Return completed, signed forms to the superintendent of the local public school district.

Notice of Intent to Home School forms submitted after the deadlines are subject to a fourteen (14)-calendar day waiting period that the superintendent controls. Call the Home School Office for clarification.

4. NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOME SCHOOL AND WAIVER FORM

Do not file a separate form for each child; file one form per family. **Parents/legal guardians must not leave the required areas blank on the Notice of Intent to Home School and Waiver forms. Incomplete forms do not meet the requirements of state law and will not be accepted.**

Parents/legal guardians will not receive books, curricula, or an approval letter as a result of filing required Notice of Intent to Home School and Waiver forms.

Parents/legal guardians are not required to meet with the local superintendent to discuss their choice of home schooling. The law does not require parents/legal guardians to provide a reason for their choice.

5. STUDENTS UNDER DISCIPLINARY ACTION AT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Public school students who are under disciplinary action by the local school district shall be eligible for enrollment in a home school if the superintendent or local school board chooses to allow the child to enroll in a home school; the disciplinary action against the student has been completed or at the end of a school semester, whichever occurs first; or the student has been expelled.

6. CURRICULUM, BOOKS, MATERIALS

Parents/guardians are free to select and purchase their choice of books, curricula, or correspondence programs. Parents/guardians also set their own schedule of instruction for their child(ren).

The Arkansas Department of Education, local school districts, and education service cooperatives are not required to furnish books, curricula, or materials. It is the

parents/guardians responsibility to locate and purchase all books, curricula, or materials.

7. REQUIRED TEST

State law mandates testing of grades 3 through 9; a student that refuses to participate in the testing program or the alternative testing program shall be subject to Arkansas laws regarding truancy. Home school students in grades other than 3-9 will not be tested by the state. Testing occurs in the spring of each year at designated home school test sites. Review test information at:

<http://www.arhomeschooltesting.org/>

Tentative test dates will be April 1-12, 2013.

REQUEST FOR TEST MODIFICATION OR EXEMPTION:

A request for test modifications or exemption must be submitted in writing to the Home School Testing Office at least three weeks prior to the test date. A copy of the child's IEP or other acceptable documentation from a physician must be included with the request.

8. TEST NOTIFICATION

The Arkansas Home School Testing Office (AHSTO) will notify home school parents by mail. February 2013, letters will be sent out announcing testing dates. Deadline for registering to test is March 1, 2013. You can reach the **Home School Testing Office at 501-354-3136.**

9. TEST RESULTS

Parents/guardians receive the student's original Individual Performance Profile; the original is mailed directly from the (AHSTO) to the parents address as listed on the Notice of Intent to Home School.

(AHSTO) at 501-354-3136.

10. MONITORING OF STUDENT'S WORK

The law does not give the Arkansas Department of Education or the school district the authority to review or monitor a home school student's work. Some parents/guardians may choose to keep the following records: attendance record, a portfolio of student's work at each grade level, grades for each subject, and a transcript for each student. *Records may be very beneficial to a home school student in the future.*

11. HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

No diploma is provided by school districts, education service cooperatives, or the Arkansas Department of Education for students enrolled in home school.

Contact your curriculum provider or your state/local support group regarding information on obtaining a diploma.

12. RE-ENTERING PUBLIC SCHOOL

- Students transferring from a home school to a school that is accredited by the Arkansas Department of Education shall be evaluated by the staff of the accredited school to determine proper placement.
- Home schools are not accredited by the Arkansas Department of Education. *There are no grades, credits, transcripts, or diplomas provided by the Arkansas Department of Education, education service cooperative, or by the local school district for students enrolled in home school.*
- Any home school student who re-enters a local school district must attend classes for at least nine (9) months immediately prior to graduation before the student can become eligible to receive a high school diploma from the local school district.

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(501) 682-1874

PUBLIC SCHOOL POLICY REGARDING CREDITS FOR GRADUATION:

It is possible that a home school student who returns to a public high school may not be eligible to receive a diploma. School districts may or may not give credit for a student's work during the time they were home schooled. All requirements of the local school district policy regarding credits for graduation must be met before a student is eligible to receive a diploma. Call the local high school for requirements.

13. STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Parents/guardians may home school a student with disabilities. Home school students will be given the same consideration for special education services as private school students in Arkansas; this does not guarantee an individual student services. There are no certification requirements for parents/guardians who teach their special needs child(ren).

14. CLASSES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School districts are not required to accept part-time students from home schools or private schools; however, there is a funding mechanism in place for school districts that allow home school students to enroll in academic classes as part-time students.

15. SPORTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Questions regarding participation in sports and extra curricular activities at public schools should be referred to:

Arkansas Activities Association
3920 Richards Road
North Little Rock, AR 72117
(501) 955-2500
www.ahsaa.org

16. AGE TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL

A student is required to attend school until they are eighteen (18) years of age, or meet other requirements specified by state law.

17. GED PROGRAM

Parents may contact the state GED office for enrollment requirements:

Adult Education
GED Program
Department of Workforce Education
3 Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201
(501) 682-1980

<http://ace.arkansas.gov/adulteducation/programs/ged/Pages/default.aspx>

20. MOVE DURING SCHOOL YEAR

A move to a new school district requires that new Notice of Intent to Home School and Waiver forms be submitted to the superintendent of the new district within thirty-(30) calendar days of establishing residency within the district.

21. PRIVATE SCHOOL/CURRICULUM SUPPLIER/UMBRELLA SCHOOL

A curriculum supplier may state that they are a "private school" or "umbrella school." *The supplier may state that if parents' enroll or purchase curriculum from them, the parents will not have to file Notice of Intent to Home School and Waiver forms each year in Arkansas. **THIS INFORMATION IS FALSE.***

The obligation to file Notice of Intent to Home School and Waiver forms does not depend on the source of the material used but rather on the location of the student's instruction.

Contact the Home School Office if there are questions regarding maintaining legal home school status.

22. ARKANSAS SUPPORT GROUPS

The support groups listed below may provide information on the following:

Local support groups
Home school conventions
Newsletters
New/used book fairs
Organized activities for students
Curriculum suppliers
Test companies for off year testing

Family Council/Education Alliance

414 S. Pulaski, Suite 2
Little Rock, AR 72201
(501) 978-5503
Fax: (501) 375-7040
edu@familycouncil.org
www.arkansashomeschool.org

Central Arkansas Homeschoolers (CARH)

<http://www.centralarhomeschoolers.org/>

**Home Educators of
Greater Little Rock
Little Rock Home Ed**
<http://www.homeedonline.com/>

NATIONAL SUPPORT GROUPS

National Black Home Educators Resource Association

13434 Plank Road, PMB 110
Baker, Louisiana 70714
E-mail: contact@nbhera.org
Eric and Joyce Burges, Founders

<http://www.nbhe.net/>

Network of Black Homeschoolers

P. O. Box 28325
Richmond, Virginia 23228
Phone: (804) 562-2684
E-mail: NBH4@yahoo.com

- **The Home School Office will NOT accept forms from home school parents. Forms must be filed with parent/legal guardian's local superintendent's office.**
- **In order to maintain legal home school status, file each year no later than August 15, or meet other requirements of state law. One form per family.**
- **SUBMIT ONLY CURRENT YEAR FORMS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN LATE MAY OF EACH YEAR or our website: <http://arkansased.org/about/schools/home.html>**
- **It is to the parents/students benefit to ensure that the information entered on the required forms is legible.**

ACCURATE HOME SCHOOL INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING:

Arkansas Dept. of Education
Home School Office
Four Capitol Mall – Room 304B
Little Rock, AR 72201
(501) 682-1874

<http://arkansased.org/about/schools/home.html>

Information about home schools may be accessed on the Department's Web page by selecting the site's "About ADE" link. Click on this link and select "Schools" located on the left hand side, select the phrase "Home School" from the center of the page.

Curriculum Providers

Correspondence Programs/Online Courses/Books and Curriculum for Home Instruction

ARKANSAS RESOURCES:

Chain bookstores, local religious bookstores, or educational supply stores may have home school curriculum in stock, or they may order the curriculum for you.

Arkansas Education Alliance Group
<http://www.arkansashomeschool.org/>
 Serves as Arkansas' largest state-wide home school organization. 501-978-5503

American Baptist Book Store
 4605 N State Line Avenue
 Texarkana, Texas 75503
 (800)-264-2482
<http://www.abaptist.org/curriculum.html>

OUT OF STATE RESOURCES:

A Beka Book and Academy
 P. O. Box 17600
 Pensacola, FL 32522-7750
 (877) 223-5226 **Books only**
 (800) 874-3592 **Academy**
www.abeka.com
www.abekaacademy.org
Grades: K-12 Diploma (Academy)

Accelerated Christian Education Independent Home School Option
 PO Box 299000
 Lewisville, TX 75029-9000
 (800) 925-7777 (Orders)
<http://www.schooloftomorrow.com/homeschool/index.asp>

Allied National High School (*WASC, DETC & CITA)
 22952 Alcalde Drive.
 Laguna Hills, CA 92653
 (800) 968-4034
 (949) 218-0178 (fax)
Online courses
www.alliedhighschool.com

Lighthouse Christian Academy PACEs (866) 746-6534
 P. O. Box 7300
 Seminole, FL 33775-7300
Grades: K-12 Diploma (Academy)
<http://www.lcaed.com/?content=main>

Alpha Omega Publications
 804 N 2nd Avenue East
 Rock Rapids, IA 51246
 (800) 622-3070
Grades: K-12
<http://www.aop.com/homeschool/>
Alpha Omega Academy
 (800) 682-7396
<http://www.aoademy.com/index.php>
 LIFEPAAC Curriculum,
 Switched-On Schoolhouse Curriculum
Grades: K-12 online courses, diploma

American School *(NCA)
 2200 E. 170th Street
 Lansing, IL 60438
 (708) 418-2800
 (866) 260-7221
www.americanschoolofcorr.com
Grades: 9-12 diploma, online

Bob Jones University Press
 Customer Services
 1700 Wade Hampton Blvd.
 Greenville, SC 29614-0062
 (800) 845-5731
<http://www.bjupress.com/page/Home>
Grades: K-12, online, diploma

Bob Jones University Press
Grades: 1-12, diploma (Academy)
Testing/Evaluation – Norm reference
 Email: testing@bjupress.com
 Phone: (800) 845-5731

Calvert School *(CES)
 10713 Gilroy Rd., Suite B
 Hunt Valley, MD 21031
 (888) 487-4652
<http://calvertschool.org>
Grades: K-8

CompassLearning Odyssey
 CompassLearning, Inc.
 203 Colorado Street
 Austin, Texas 78701
 (512) 478-9600
 (800) 232-9556
<http://www.compasslearning.com/why-compass-learning/>
Grades: K-12 Online courses only

Christa McAuliffe Academy *(NASC)
 5200 SW Meadows, Ste. 150
 Lake Oswego, OR 97035
 (503) 226-7374
 (888) 832-9437
www.cmacademy.org
Grades: K-12 diploma
 Online courses only

Christian Liberty Academy CLASS homeschools
 502 W. Euclid Avenue
 Arlington Heights, IL 60004-5402
 (800) 348-0899 Info. Packet
www.homeschools.org
Grades: K-12 diploma

Citizens' High School *(DETC)
 188 College Drive
 P. O. Box 66089
 Orange Park, FL 32065-6089
 (800) 736-4723
 (904) 276-1700
www.citizenschool.com
Grades: 9-12 Diploma

Clonlara School
 1289 Jewett
 Ann Arbor, MI 48104
 (734) 769-4511
www.clonlara.org
Grades: K-12 diploma

Core Curriculum of America
 14503 S. Tamiami Trail
 North Port, FL 34287
 (888) 689-4626
www.core-curriculum.com
www.homeschoolsupercenter.com
Grades: Kindergarten
Grades: 1-12 Secular
Grades: 1-12 Christian
Online courses

Educators Book Depository of Arkansas
 6700 Sloan Drive
 Little Rock, AR 72206
 (501) 490-0007

<http://www.educatorsbook.com/>
 Textbooks- same as used in public schools. Must have ISBN number before calling.

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Curriculum Providers

Correspondence Programs/Online Courses/Books and Curriculum for Home Instruction

GRIGGS University International

Academy *(SACS)

12501 Old Columbia Pike
Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600
(800) 782-4769

<http://www.hsi.edu>

Grades: K-12 diploma, online courses

Houghton Mifflin

Education Place

1900 S. Batavia Avenue
Geneva, IL 60134-3399
(800) 225-5425
(800) 733-2828

www.eduplace.com

Books/curriculum

Grades: K-8

James Madison High School

***(SACS)**

6625 The Corners Parkway, Suite 500
Norcross, GA 30092-3406
(800) 957-5412

www.jmhs.com

<http://www.jmhsonline.com/>

Grades: 9-12 diploma

Online, college prep

Keystone National High School

***(NASC)**

920 Central Road
Bloomsburg, PA 17815-1564
(800) 255-4937
(570) 784-5220

www.keystonehighschool.com

Grades: 9-12 diploma

(Also online courses)

Laurel Springs School *(WASC)

302 W El Paseo Road
Ojai, CA 93024-1440
(800) 377-5890
(805)-646-2473

www.laurelsprings.com

Grades: K-12 diploma

online/Honors and

Special Needs courses

Learning Things

The Education Store

1550 Oak Industrial Lane, Suite F
Cumming, GA 30041
(800) 401-9931

<http://www.learningthings.com/>

Grades: K-12

The Moore Foundation

P.O. Box 1073

The Dalles, OR 97058
(541) 467-2444 (orders)
(541)-825-3663 K-8th grade
(707)-786-4160 High School
(541)-825-3663 Special Needs Students

www.moorefoundation.com

Grades: K-12 Diploma

Oak Meadow School (CES) (SACS)

P. O. Box 1346

Brattleboro, VT 05302
(802) 251-7250

www.oakmeadow.com

Grades: K-12 Diploma

online courses

PCI Educational Publishing

4560 Lockhill Selma Rd., Ste. 100
San Antonio, TX 78249-2075
(800) 594-4263
(800) 471-3000

www.pcicatalog.com

www.specialed.net

Grades: K-12

Instructional materials/products for regular, special education, and ESL students.

Red Oak Academy *(NCA)

2717 Yorkshire St. Irving, TX 75061
(214) 677-9103 or (214) 677-9108
(800) 655-6905

<http://www.roaschool.com/>

Grades: K-12 Diploma online

courses/concurrent courses

Academic Needs of Regular and Special Needs Students with Learning Differences

Blueprint Education *(NCA)

5651 W Talavi Blvd., Suite 170
Glendale, AZ 85306
(800) 426-4952
(602) 674-5555

www.blueprintededucation.org

Grades: 7-12 Diploma

Seton Home Study School *(SACS)

1350 Progress Drive
Front Royal, VA 22630
(540) 636-9990

www.setonhome.org

Grades: K-12 Diploma

Catholic Curriculum

Norm reference testing

HOME SCHOOLING SPECIAL NEEDS

CHILDREN:

NATHHAN

National Challenged Homeschoolers Associated Network

P. O. Box 310

Moyie Springs, ID 83845

(208) 267-6246

(800) 266-9837

www.nathhan.com

Almaden Valley Christian School

AVCS Books

2000 Barrett Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
(408) 776-6691

www.almadenvalleychristianschool.com

See **Laurel Springs School** listed above.
Special Needs and Gifted Children

Special Education Resources on the Internet

<http://www.seriweb.com>

HOME SCHOOLING GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN:

Duke University

Talent Identification Program

1121 West Main Street
Durham, NC 27708-0780
(919) 668-9100

www.tip.duke.edu

The Center for Talented Youth

The Johns Hopkins University

5801 Smith Avenue
#400 McAuley Hall
Baltimore, MD 21209
(410) 735-4100

www.jhu.edu/~gifted

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**Center for Talent Development
Northwestern University**
617 Dartmouth Place
Evanston, IL 60208-4175
(847) 491-3782
<http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/>

**Education Program for Gifted Youth
(EPGY)
Stanford University**
Ventura Hall
220 Panama Street
Stanford, CA 94305-4101
(800) 372-3749
<http://www-epgy.stanford.edu/>

Also: <http://amby.com/educate/gifted.html>

Red Oak Academy *(NCA)
See Red Oak Academy listed above.
Special Needs and Gifted Children
<http://www.roaschool.com/>

Standardized Testing Alternates:

***(Must contact Arkansas Home School
Testing Office for approval before using
outside testing vendors, 501-354-3136)***

**Bob Jones University Press
(Testing and Evaluation)**
(800) 845-5731

**Seton Home Study School *(SACS)
(Testing and Evaluation)**
(540) 636-9990

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Correspondence Courses available from Colleges and Universities

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University of Arizona

High School Correspondence
Program

888 North Euclid Avenue

P. O. Box 210158

Tucson, AZ 85721-0158

(520) 621-7724

(800) 955-8632

<http://www.ceao.arizona.edu/corresp/index.html>

Grades: 2-12

Brigham Young University

Independent Study

206 Harman Bldg.

120 MORC

Provo, UT 84602-1514

(800) 914-8931

<http://ce.byu.edu/is/>

Grades: 9-12

HS Diploma Program for students 19
years of age or older.

University of Colorado at Boulder

Division of Continuing Education

High School Independent Learning

178 YCB 1505 University Ave

Boulder, CO 80309-0178

(800) 331-2801

www.colorado.edu/ccis

<http://www.colorado.edu/cewww/highschool.htm>

Grades: 9-12

University of Florida

Correspondence Study

2124 NE Waldo Road, Suite 101

P.O. Box 113172

Gainesville, FL 32609

(800) 327-4218

(352) 392-1711

www.correspondencestudy.ufl.edu

Grades: 9-12

University of Idaho

Independent Study in Idaho

P O. Box 443081

Moscow, ID 83844-3081

(877) 464-3246

E-mail: indepst@idaho.edu

<http://www.uidaho.edu/isi/>

Grades: 9-12

Indiana University

High School Diploma Program

408 North Union Street

Bloomington, IN 47405-7101

(800) 334-1011

<http://scs.indiana.edu>

Grades: 9-12 Diploma

Louisiana State University

Independent Study

High School Courses

1225 Pleasant Hall

Baton Rouge, LA 70803

(800) 234-5046

<http://www.is.lsu.edu/home.asp?nid=102&level=HS&online=0>

Grades: 9-12

University of Missouri

Independent Study

136 Clark Hall

Columbia, MO 65211-4200

(573) 882-2491

(800) 609-3727

<http://cdis.missouri.edu/>

Grades: 3-8

MU High School: 9-12 Diploma

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Independent Study High School

PO Box 888400

2100 Vine Street

Lincoln, NE 68588-8400

(866) 700-4747

<http://nebraskahs.unl.edu/index.shtml>

Grades: 9-12 Diploma

North Dakota Center for Distance Education

P.O. Box 5036

1510 12th Avenue North

Fargo, ND 58105

(701) 231-6000

www.ndcde.org

Pulaski Technical College

3000 West Scenic Drive

North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118

(501) 812-2231

<http://www.pulaskitech.edu>

Grades: 9-12

University of Oklahoma

Independent Learning High School

1600 Jenkins, Room 101

Norman, OK 73072-6507

(405) 325-1921

(800) 942-5702

<http://cidl.ou.edu/>

Grades: 9-12 Diploma

University of Tennessee

Distance Education and

Independent Study

600 Henley Street, Suite 208

Knoxville, TN 37996-4126

(800) 670-8657

<http://honors.utk.edu/courses/independent-study/>

Grades: 9-12

Texas Tech University

Outreach & Extended Studies

605 Indiana Ave

Box 42191

Lubbock, TX 79409-2191

(800) 692-6877

www.dce.ttu.edu/

Grades: K-12

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The ADE is not responsible for the content of any educational material received through these institutions. Please call or write these institutions for details concerning the curriculum of interest.

General Information Sites

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Arkansas Education Alliance Group

<http://www.arkansashomeschool.org/>

(501) 978-5503

Provides home school families in Arkansas with information on conventions, graduation, transcripts, resources, support groups, national organizations, and current issues.

Colleges, College Scholarships, and Financial Aid Page

Colleges and Universities throughout the United States;

Free College Scholarship and Financial Aid searches;

SAT and ACT test preparation tips

www.college-scholarships.com

ACT Official Site

ACT Registration, Test Preparation,

Taking the Test, Score Information,

Frequently Asked Questions

www.act.org/aap/index.html

Arkansas Department of Education

K-12 Information, State Board, statistics, parent information, and graduation units.

<http://arkansased.org/>

<http://arkansased.org/parents/index.html>

http://arkansased.org/about/pdf/current/ade_28_2_standards_0709_current.pdf

Arkansas Department of Higher Education

Links to Arkansas Colleges and Universities

Financial Aid Information

www.arkansashighered.com

Arkansas Department of Workforce Education

Adult Education/GED Program

<http://dwe.arkansas.gov>

Arkansas Home School Testing Office

<http://www.arhomeschooltesting.org/>

(501) 354-3136

Administers home school norm reference testing for students in grades 3-9 and provides information about testing.

Arkansas Student Loan Authority

Student Financial Aid, Loan Programs &

Services, Borrower Assistance, Free Scholarship Search

www.asla.state.ar.us

National Center for Education Statistics

(Direct link to over 7,000 colleges and universities in the United States)

<http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool>

SAT Official College Board Site

Information on College Board test dates, on-line SAT registration, and financial aid calculators

www.collegeboard.com/splash

U. S. Department of Education

Student Financial Aid information

www.ed.gov/index.ihtml

Free publications.

WEB SITES PROVIDING INFORMATION ON HOME SCHOOLING:

<http://homeschooling.gomilpitas.com>

A TO Z HOME'S COOL HOMESCHOOLING SITE.

<http://homeschooling.about.com/mbody.htm>

Information on how to get started in home school, homeschool methods, course of study, curriculum resources, used curriculum, distance learning, home-schooling information for each state, etc.

<http://rsts.net/home/feature.htm>

Curriculum information, Home School Mall, Edu-Links, home school friendly colleges and universities, helpful home school links, free newsletter, etc.

<http://www.homeschoolcentral.com>

Provides the following information: State information, home school organizations, special needs, preschool, high school and beyond, curriculum and study resources, bookstore.

<http://www.midnightbeach.com/hs/>

A source of neutral, non-commercial homeschooling information.

Parents/guardians who have access to the Internet will find a tremendous amount of information regarding home school. Use one of the following search engines, enter the search words "home school," "home schooling," or "home school curriculum." Some of the available search engines are AltaVista, Google, Ask Jeeves, Excite, Hotbot, AlltheWeb, Lycos, Netscape and Yahoo.

ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED
§ 6-15-501 through § 6-15-508
Current through the Regular Session
of the 86th General Assembly
(2007)
Home School Law

6-15-501. Definition.

As used in this subchapter “home school” means a school provided by a parent or legal guardian for his or her own children.

History. Acts 1985(1st Ex. Sess.), No. 40, 2; 1985(1st Ex. Sess.), No. 42, 2; A.S.A. 1947, 80-1503.5.

6-15-502. Rules, regulations, and procedures for monitoring and enforcing provisions.

(a) The provisions of § 6-18-201(a) shall be self-executing, and the State Board of Education shall have no authority to promulgate rules, regulations, or guidelines for the enforcement or administration thereof.

(b) The board is empowered to make such reasonable rules and regulations required for the proper administration of this subchapter which are not inconsistent with the intent of this subchapter.

History. Acts 1985 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 40, § 7; 1985 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 42, § 7; A.S.A. 1947, § 80-1503.10; Acts 1995, No. 1296, § 15; 1997, No. 400, § 1.

6-15-503. Prerequisites to home schooling.

(a)(1) Parents or guardians desiring to provide a home school for their children must give written notice to the superintendent of their local school district of their intent to provide a home school for their children and sign a waiver acknowledging that the State of Arkansas is not liable for the education of their children during the time that the parents choose to home school:

(A) At the beginning of each school year but no later than August 15; or

(B) By December 15 for parents who decide to start home schooling at the beginning of the spring semester; or

(C) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, fourteen (14) calendar days prior to withdrawing the children from the local school district and at the beginning of each school year thereafter. The superintendent or the local school board may waive the fourteen-day waiting period.

(2) Within thirty (30) calendar days of establishing residency within the district, parents or guardians moving into the school district during the school year must give written notice to the superintendent of their local school district of their intent to provide a home school for their children and sign a waiver acknowledging that the State of Arkansas is not liable for the education of their children during the time that the parents choose to home school.

(3) The notice must include:

(A) The name, date of birth, grade level, and the name and address of the school last attended, if any, of each student involved;

(B) The location of the home school;

(C) The basic core curriculum to be offered;

(D) The proposed schedule of instruction; and

(E) The qualifications of the parent-teacher.

(4) Parents or guardians shall deliver written notice in person to the superintendent of their local school district the first time such notice is given.

(b) This information may be used only for statistical purposes and test administration.

(c) Each local school district shall report the statistical data required by this section to the Department of Education each year.

(d)(1) No public school student shall be eligible for enrollment in a home school if the student is currently under disciplinary action for violation of any written school policy, including, but not limited to, excessive unexcused absences.

(2) Public school students who are under disciplinary action by the local school district shall be eligible for enrollment in a home school if:

(A) The superintendent or local school board chooses to allow the child to enroll in a home school;

(B) The disciplinary action against the student has been completed or the school semester has ended, whichever occurs first; or

(C) The student has been expelled.

History. Acts 1985 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 40, § 3; 1985 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 42, § 3; A.S.A. 1947, § 80-1503.6; Acts 1987, No. 260, § 1; 1995, No. 522, § 1; 1997, No. 400, § 2; 1999, No. 1117, §§ 1, 2.

6-15-504. Home-schooled students - Achievement tests - Enrollment or reenrollment in local schools.

(a) Each student enrolled in a home school program who is considered to be at grade level or no more than two (2) years beyond the normal age for the appropriate grade for which the state mandates norm-referenced tests for public school students shall be tested using a nationally recognized norm-referenced achievement test selected by the State Board of Education.

(b)(1)(A) The administration of the tests required of home-schooled students shall be by the directors of the education service cooperatives established under § 6-13-1001 et seq. or as otherwise designated by the Department of Education.

(B) For the purposes of this section, the superintendents of the Little Rock School District, North Little Rock School District, and Pulaski County Special School District shall act in lieu of an education service cooperative director.

(2) The directors of the education service cooperatives shall establish a common set of procedures approved by the Director of the Department of Education for the proper administration of the tests required by this section.

(3) The administration shall include purchasing the test materials, giving the tests, scoring and interpreting the tests, and reporting test results.

(c) The cost of testing required by this section shall be the responsibility of the department when the tests are administered by the directors of the education service cooperatives or other department designees.

(d)(1) Alternate testing procedures may be approved by the director of an education service cooperative after consultation with the parents of a home-schooled student.

(2) However, any costs associated with an alternate testing procedure shall be the responsibility of the parents.

(e)(1)(A) Any student who refuses to participate in the testing program or the alternate testing program required by this section has not met the statutory prerequisites for home schooling and, as any other student, shall be subject to the applicable Arkansas laws regarding truancy.

(B) After a student corrects any refusal to participate in the testing program or the alternate testing program as determined by the department and required by this subsection, the student shall be restored to home school status after his or her parent or guardian has complied with all requirements of § 6-15-503.

(2) This subsection shall not be applicable to any parent who can present written acknowledgement that the child has been enrolled in a public, private, or parochial school within thirty (30) days of the administration of the state-mandated achievement test.

(f)(1) Each local school district may assess any home-schooled student who enrolls or reenrolls in the district in order to determine proper educational placement.

(2) Among other means of assessment, the local school district shall utilize the norm-referenced test approved by the board to assess the student and shall determine placement in the appropriate grade level as indicated by the test results.

(g) Any home-schooled student who enrolls or reenrolls in a local school district must attend classes for at least nine (9) months immediately before graduation before the student can become eligible to receive a high school diploma from the district.

History. Acts 1985 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 40, § 4; 1985 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 42, § 4; A.S.A. 1947, § 80-1503.7; Acts 1995, No. 522, § 2; 1997, No. 400, § 3; 1999, No. 1117, § 3; 2003, No. 1793, § 1.

6-15-505. [Repealed.]

Repealed.

6-15-506. [Repealed.]

Repealed.

6-15-507. Ineligibility of home schools for local, state, or federal funds.

(a)(1) Home schools authorized by this subchapter are not entitled to local, state, or federal funds allocated to a public school district.

(2) For purposes of this section, eligible children with disabilities identified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq., in home school settings shall be given the same consideration afforded to students in private school settings for special education services as provided for in that act.

(b) School districts providing services to home school students shall be eligible for local, state, or federal funds allocated or approved for such services.

History. Acts 1985 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 40, § 8; 1985 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 42, § 8; A.S.A. 1947, § 80-1503.11; Acts 1997, No. 400, § 6; 2003, No. 1793, § 2.

6-15-508. Home schooling prohibited if a sex offender resides in the home.

(a) No child may be home schooled if any person residing in the home with the child is required to register under the Sex and Child Offender Registration Act of 1997, § 12-12-901 et seq.

(b) Upon petition to the sentencing court from the child's parent or guardian, the sentencing court may enter a written order specifically waiving the restriction in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) This section shall not apply if the child to be home schooled is the person registered under the Sex and Child Offender Registration Act of 1997, § 12-12-901 et seq.

History. Acts 2001, No. 1787, § 1.

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
RULES GOVERNING HOME SCHOOLS**

August 2007

1.00 REGULATORY AUTHORITY

- 1.01 These regulations shall be known as Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Home Schools.
- 1.02 These regulations are enacted pursuant to the State Board of Education's authority under Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-15-501 et seq., 25-15-201 et seq., and Act 824 of 2007.

2.00 PURPOSE

It is the purpose of these regulations to set reasonable guidelines for the operation of Home Schools.

3.00 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these rules and regulations:

- 3.01 A "home school" is a school provided by a parent or legal guardian for his or her own child.
- 3.02 A "testing window" is an established testing calendar as determined by the Arkansas Department of Education.
- 3.03 "Alternate testing procedures" refers to any testing date(s) and/or location(s) within the testing window and approved by the education service cooperatives and Pulaski County school districts for home school students.
- 3.04 "A norm-referenced test (NRT)" is any testing instrument required by state law, rule or regulation to measure the performance/achievement of Arkansas students relative to the performance of the achievement of students who comprise the norming or standardization group for a particular commercial instrument.
- 3.05 An "individualized education program (IEP)" is a written record of decisions reached between parent/guardian and school personnel jointly describing the educational program for a child with a disability.
- 3.06 "Current school year" is the official period of time for pupil/teacher interaction within the school district policy which follows the requirements in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-106 (Repl. 1993) (Uniform dates for beginning and ending a school year).

4.00 GENERAL

- 4.01 Under Arkansas law children between the ages of five (5) and seventeen (17) on or before September 15 of that year, in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-201 (Supp. 1997), as amended by Act 570 of 1999 must attend school.
- 4.02 A parent/guardian who intends to home school a child in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-201 [as amended] must enroll the child in a home school at the beginning of each school year but no later than August 15 for the fall semester, or by December 15 for the spring semester, or, subject to the provisions of Sections 4.03 and 4.04, fourteen (14) calendar days prior to withdrawing. The superintendent or local school board may waive the fourteen (14) day waiting period.
- 4.03 No public school student shall be eligible for enrollment in a home school if the student is currently under disciplinary action for violation of any written school policy including, but not limited to, excessive unexcused absences. Exceptions to this requirement are outlined in Section 4.04.
- 4.04 Public school students who are under disciplinary action by the local school district shall be eligible for enrollment in a home school if:
 - 4.04.1 The superintendent or local school board chooses to allow the child to enroll in a home school;
 - 4.04.2 The disciplinary action against the student has been completed or at the end of a school semester, whichever occurs first; or
 - 4.04.3 The student has been expelled.
- 4.05 Parent/guardian may elect for a child, who will not be kindergarten age in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-201, [as amended], not to attend kindergarten by filing a Kindergarten Waiver form with the local school district office.
- 4.06 Home school students who enroll in a public, private or parochial school during the time they are home schooling cannot re-enter home schooling until new Notice of Intent and Waiver forms are completed and returned to the local school district.
- 4.07 Home school students who are in the required grade levels for which the state mandates norm-referenced testing and who are no more than two (2) years beyond the normal age for the required grade levels must take a standardized norm-referenced test as identified by the Arkansas Department of Education, and the results will be used for reporting purposes only.

- 4.08 Any student who refuses to participate in the required testing program shall be subject to the applicable Arkansas laws regarding truancy. This Section shall not be applicable to any parent that can present written acknowledgement that their child has been enrolled in a public, private or parochial school within thirty (30) days of the administration of the state-mandated tests.
- 4.09 Books, curricula or materials are not required to be furnished by the Arkansas Department of Education, local school district or education service cooperative. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to purchase all books, curricula or materials that they use in home schooling.

5.00 NOTICE OF INTENT

- 5.01 Parents or Guardians who plan to home school must file written notice by completing and returning the printed current year Notice of Intent and Waiver forms to the public school superintendent's office of their local school district by August 15 for the beginning of each school year, or by December 15 for the spring semester, or, subject to the provisions of Sections 4.03 and 4.04, fourteen (14) calendar days prior to withdrawing the child from the local school district during the school year. Parents or guardians must sign a waiver acknowledging that the State of Arkansas is not liable for the education of their child(ren) during the time that parent chooses to home school. The Notice of Intent and Waiver forms are valid for the entire school year if filed at the beginning of the school year or for the remainder of the school year if filed during the school year. There are no exceptions to these filing requirements except as outlined in 5.02.
- 5.02 Parents or guardians moving into a school district during the school year must file the current year printed Notice of Intent and Waiver forms with their local public school superintendent's office within thirty (30) calendar days of establishing residency within the district.
- 5.03 The required Notice of Intent and Waiver forms must be the printed current year forms obtained from your local superintendent's office and must include the following information for reporting and test administration purposes only:
 - 5.03.1 The name, date of birth and grade level of each child and the name and address of the public, private, home school or parochial school last attended, if any, for each student.
 - 5.03.2 The location of the home school (mailing address).
 - 5.03.3 A brief description of the basic core curriculum to be used and the subjects to be taught.
 - 5.03.4 Schedule of instruction to be followed (hours per day; days per week; number of weeks).

5.03.5 The education qualifications of the parent/guardian/teacher(s).

5.03.6 Parents or guardians shall deliver written notice in person to the superintendent of their local school district the first time such notice is given.

6.00 TESTING REQUIRED – ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

6.01 Test administration of home school students shall be under the direction of the education service cooperatives and the Pulaski County school districts. Achievement testing will be held during the testing window identified by the Arkansas Department of Education.

6.02 The education service cooperatives and Pulaski County school districts will ensure that all test materials are secure before testing, between and following test administration and provide the Arkansas Department of Education, for approval by the Director, with a common set of procedures for test administration of home school students in the required grade levels. These common set of procedures must include security measures to ensure that appropriate testing conditions and protocol have been followed as specified in the test administration materials.

6.03 Each student enrolled in home school who is considered to be in the required grades or no more than two (2) years beyond the age appropriate grade will be tested by using the State identified norm-referenced achievement test.

6.04 Parents/guardians or groups of home school parents/guardians requesting alternate testing procedures, protocols, locations and/or timeframe must be submitted in writing three (3) weeks prior to the testing window to the education service cooperatives or the Pulaski County school districts and testing must remain within the State identified testing dates. If approved, alternate testing procedure costs, other than the testing materials, shall be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

6.05 Alternate testing procedures and protocol will be arranged by the education service cooperatives and Pulaski County school districts.

6.06 Requests from parent/guardian whose child(ren) cannot test on Saturdays due to religious reasons will be accommodated. Parent/guardians must indicate in the appropriate section at the time they file their Notice of Intent that their child(ren) cannot test on Saturdays due to religious reasons.

7.00 TEST RESULTS

Test results for home school students will be used for reporting purposes only. The parent/guardian will receive the individual student profile. The Arkansas Department of Education will receive the administrative summaries. The administrative summaries will not contain personally identifiable information.

8.00 TRANSFER OF STUDENTS

- 8.01 Students transferring from a home school to a school which is accredited by the Arkansas Department of Education shall be evaluated by the staff of the accredited school to determine proper placement. As part of the ongoing assessment process, a State identified norm-referenced achievement test shall be one of the instruments utilized.
- 8.02 Home Schools are not accredited by the Arkansas Department of Education. There are no grades, credits, transcripts or diploma provided by the Arkansas Department of Education, education service cooperative or by the local school district for students enrolled in home school.
- 8.03 Any home school student who re-enters a local school district must attend classes for at least nine (9) months immediately prior to graduation before the student can become eligible to receive a high school diploma from the local school district.

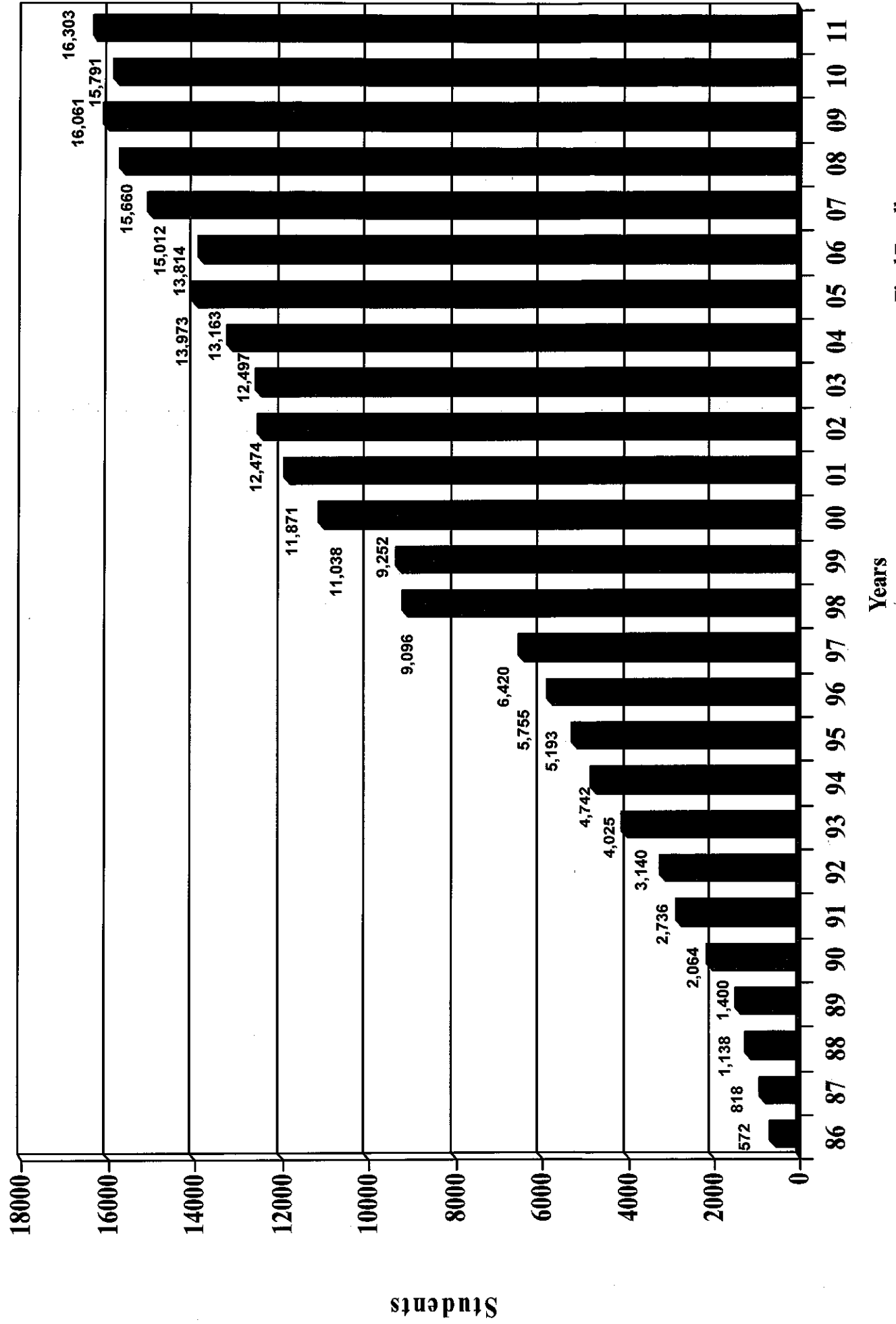
9.00 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- 9.01 By way of these regulations, it shall be the policy of the State Board of Education that school districts provide a genuine opportunity (see 34 C.F.R. Sec. 76.651(a)) to students who are home-schooled with disabilities, as defined in state regulations, to access special education and related services from the district where they reside. This policy is not to be construed as conferring the procedural protections and rights under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to such students and their parent/guardians.
- 9.02 Each student with disabilities in the required grades who participates in the norm-referenced testing program shall, upon notification in the application for testing, be eligible for any or all modifications allowed by the test procedures. The use of such modifications will be approved by the educational services cooperative director or his designee.

10.00 DRIVER'S PERMIT/LICENSE

A student enrolled in a home school shall present proof of home schooling in the form of a notarized copy of the Notice of Intent along with an application for an instructional permit or driver's license. The parent/guardian has the responsibility of providing the notarized copy.

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